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KANSAS

Dear Fellow Residents,

Last year during our budget discussions a question was raised about short- and long-term facility needs for our police department. While our community has enjoyed considerable population growth, that growth may have also expedited some of our plans for how we are able to ensure a safe and efficient police station for our officers and residents. A request was made to engage in a facility assessment for the police department so that we could understand both what the needs are and what the cost of a facility may be and then use that information to determine whether the Council felt it would be financially feasible to ask you, the voters, whether you wanted to spend the money to build a new justice center. The intent has always been to understand what the needs are and whether it would make financial sense to move the project forward to a public vote.

The study is complete. Unfortunately, the cost came in considerably higher than hoped and makes this project financially impractical at present. The upside to this is that we now have an updated facility plan and needs assessment for the police department, which allows the Council and you to make informed decisions going forward. It also means that if deferred, we will only have to update the plan instead of start from scratch when we reach a point in the future where this plan may be financially viable.

The plan is being published on our website for your review. Alongside the plan document is also a breakdown of expenses incurred to get us to this point. We continue to work to ensure that your city staff has the tools necessary to serve you in a safe and efficient way.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Ellis